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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MUNEKI NAKAO ET AL ) : Examiner: NYA  
Application No.: 10/576,533 ) : Art Unit: 3623  
Filed: April 20, 2006 ) : Conf. No.: 3836  
For: INFORMATION APPARATUS ) :  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the specification changes being indicated at page 2, the drawing changes are indicated at page 3, the claim changes being reflected in the listing that begins at page 4, and the Remarks appearing at page 9: